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Title: HYBRID TETANUS TOXOID PROTEINS THAT MIGRATE RETROGRADELY AND TRANSYNAPTICALLY INTO THE CNS being a Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/05113, filed August 12, 1998.

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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/05113, filed August 12, 1998, which claimed priority of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/055,615 and 60/065,236 filed August 14, 1997 and November 13, 1997, respectively.

- 1. A check for \$1,310.00 representing the filing fee.
- 2. Application 44 pages, including 3 independent claims and 40 claims total.



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3. Drawings - 8 sheets of drawings containing 8 figures.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/055,615 and 60/065,236 filed August 14, 1997 and November 13, 1997, respectively.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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